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Mexico City Priests Held For Ransom PUTS TEXAS SCHOOL BILL IS EN

Merchant Vessel Equipped With Cannon Aids in Assault on Seaport.

VILLA IS CLEANING UP WEST COAST

Extensive Campaign Is Also Being Waged in State of Guererro.

TASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20. -All the native Roman Cathelic cleray in Mexico City are being held for a \$500,000 ransom, according to official advices from diplomatic representatives in the Mexican capital, received here today. The only priests exempted are those of foreign untionality, who have been ordered to leave the country.

Secretary of state Bryan late to-day instructed consul Canada at Verseeus to intervene with Cap-ratum in behalf of 180 priests under arrest in Mexico City and held for ransons which they cannot pay.

COMBINED sea and land stract COMBINED sea and land attack is being made on Manuanillo, state of Colima according to advice levelved by Villa agents here. fighting began early this week, cording to the Villa advices a small thant boat has been fitted out and oard have been mounted three L3 guns, which were used in the singers compalen. A number of the guns have also been set up on boat. The land attack is under mand of Gen. Merien and, according to Villa advices, has progressed to coint where the outer lines of default where the outer lines of described will, additional troops are test from Gundalajara and other as in Jailseo to aid in the stege.

Carransa Gundalajara Rand.

that Margamilio is in position to hold out indefinitely. It is stated that the sunboat Guerrare is operating on the west coast and that she has been or dared to the port. Private advices brought to the border by American passengers from Puebla, stated that the Guerrare was in Veracrug harbor. The Carrancistas claim that the sarrison of Manuanille numbers about 5000 men, and that they are well supplied.

VIIIs Cleaning Up West Const.

Villa is apparently attempting to clean up the west cunst before starting the general attack on Tampleo, though his forces in the east are reported gradually closing in on the port and have established themselves within 18 miles of Tampleo. Recent Villa advices received here told of a general movement through Tepic territory towards Mazalian. Currancistas samit there has been greated that the Villistas on the other hand, claim to have twice defeated that the Villistas on the other hand, claim to have twice defeated the Carrancis and defending the port.

Obsesson Still in the Carranca cabinet, has wired border officials from Mexico City under dule of Friday, that all is quiet in Mexico City and that reports of the Carranca evacuation are entirely without ground. Gen. Alvard Obsesson is still in the city and in the Vicinity of the capital. The Zapatietas according to Carranca advices, have everywhere been defeated in the vicinity of the capital. No mention is made in the advices of the re-

Coronado, Calif., Jeb. 20.-In an im portant battle near Rosario, about 67 kilometers south of the port of Masatian, Gen. Carrago, a supporter of Carranza, has been decisively defeated by Gen. Rafael Buelna, a Villa partisan, and his routed troops are today streaming into Manatlan.

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Guilerrez Takes Cuntro Clenegas.

An extensive campaign in the state of Guerrero is reported in messages received by Carranza officials here. These state that Chilapa, in the southern section of the state, was occupied on Thursday, following three days of heavy fighting. The city was defended by a combined Zapata and Villa force. The defenders lost heavily and abandoned considerable arrillery and prisoners in their retreat, according to the advices. The same messages declare that Gen. Luis Gutlerrez, at the head of a large force, has recocupied Cuarro Cienegas and that an active campaign against Monclova has been started.

Further fighting around Monterey is reported by agents of both factions here. Minor victories are reported but apparently no general attack has yet been made by the Carrancistan. The Monterey-Torreon line is still in operation, according to Villa rallroad officials.

Villa la at Guadalajara. A series of victories in Jalisco and Collma are reported by Villa in a communication received by his agents here. Details of a number of battles already reported are given. Villa himself has returned to Guadalajara, according to the message.

MAYTORENA AND CABRAL

SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES Nogales, Aria, Nah. 20.—Gen. Junu Cabral and Gov. Maytorena, of Sonora, have settled their differences which resulted recently in Cabral's being jailed at Camanea, from which he subsequently escaped. The reconciliation was effected at a meeting held in Nogales, Sonora, Friday,

After the conference Gen. Cabral said:

said:
"Maytorena and I have an understanding now in carrying out Gen.
Villa's policies. Within two weeks we
will begin an offensive to drive Gen.
Iturbe from the south.

PRESIDENT'S ENVOY GOES TO INTERVIEW GEN. VILLA

Duval West, special representative of

CATTLEMEN COMING BY THE THOUSANDS

The annual convention of the Panhandle Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, to be held in El Paso during the first week in March, will be one of the largest gatherings of cattlemen ever held in the world. Interest in it is widespread, thanks to the manner in which the great event has been advertised, and thanks, too, to the growing interest in El Paso as a cattle

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Greatest Victory in Twenty Years," Says Head of State Schools.

FERGUSON SIGNS HOSPITAL BILL

Provides For Treatment of Crippled Children By The State.

USTIN, Texas, Feb. 50.-After spending an entire day on the compulsory school attendance bill, the house, at 11 oclock today, en-Some the bill without any detri-mental amendments, by a vote of \$2 to 15. The proponents of the bill and state superiptement W. F. Doughty declare that it is the greatest victory friends of education in Texas have won.

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Mr. Doughty declares that the measure as endorsed is highly satisfactory, and that efforts have been made for the past 20 years to get such a law and that the house has his congratulations for its action today.

Pension Amendment Killed.

Most of the furesnent which would provide pensions for red to attend school ander the proposed in a trend school under the proposed in mr. The amendment was killed by a vote of 30 to 76.

Would Equatize OH Business.

The house committee on private corporations today reported favorably the Florer bill, placing all oil companies on an equal feeting to produce, carry, manufacture and sell oil.

The bill provides also for the creation of a petroleum commission, the object of which is to force all oil companies to operate under uniform rates, similar to the railronds, as they operate under jurisdiction of the state railroad commission.

The bill allows the Texas company the same privileges that it does the small, independent concerns. It was reported favorably by a vote of 5 to 1, willout debate. The committee also reported favorably the senate committee he bill known as the Texas company reported favorably the senate commit-the bill known as the Texas company bill, by a unanimous vote. The Texas company bill was finally passed in the senate last evening and went over to the house today, where it was given im-mediate consideration by the commit-tee.

Utilities Bill Amended. Senator Robbins had a hearing today on his bill creating a public utilities commission before the senate committee on state affairs and agreed to eliminate from the provisions of his bill all public utilities either owned or controled, under the home rule law, by municipalities.

This leaves only four utilities subject to the provisions of the bill, namely, telegraph companies, long distance telephone service interurbans and pipe lines.

lines.

Senator Robbins said he hoped later
In the course of the legislation to
propose to bring under the utilifies
commission the state drainage and irrigation boards and the state warehouse
commission, thus economizing expenses
to the state.

Governor Signs Hospital Bill.

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The governor today signed the Walter Colquitt memorial hospital bill. This bill provides for the taking over and supporting by the state of this hospital, which is devoted to the treatment of crippled children.

The senate spent practically the entire morning session today considering the Wiley uniform price bill. This is the bill which seeks to prevent discrimination in the seiling or buying of various kinds of products by one firm or individual.

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Burges BHI Payared.

The house committee on forestry has prepared and favorably recommended a substitute bill for the one which was introduced by representative Richard Burges of El Paso, providing for the connervation of the forest resources of Texas. The committee substitute bill places the proposed new department under the centrol of the board of directors of the State Agricultural and Mechanical college. It provides that the board shall appoint a state forester who shall be a technically trained forester of not less than two years' experience in professional work. His compensation shall not exceed \$35000 per annum. He shall appoint such assistants as he may require. The state forester shall guiard against forest fires and direct his efforts towards protecting the forest resources of the State. Other provisions of the bill are as follows:

May Purchase Land.

The board of directors shall have the power to purchase lands in the name of the state, suitable chiefly for the production of timber, as state forests, using for such purposes any special appropriation or any surplus money not otherwise appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the state forests; using for such purposes any special appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the state forests; using for such purposes any special appropriated to the credit of the state forests; using for such purposes any special appropriated to as the table forests that the forest fire attorney general of the state forests; using for such purposes any special appropriated to a such a poor piece of work that it should be readily detected.

CARRANZA RESTORES PROPERTY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The Carranda agency has made public a telegram from Gen. Carrana announcing the form production of the state forests.

RUSSIANS AT



CO INTERNSTIONAL NEWS SERVICES

Despite the tales of atrocities bandled back and forth, it seems evident that the soldiers, the actual fighting troops, are still men, even though they be at war. The photograph shows a Russian field surgeon dressing the injured foot of a German soldier who has been left wounded by his coura des. The wounded man and his rescues are under fire, in

Washington, D. C. Feb. 20.—Official texts of Germany's reply to the American note on the naval war zone and Great Britain's replies to the American flag and the Wilhelmins case all arrived to day at the state department.

With the official text at hand the president and his advisers will bear formal consideration of Germany's rely to the warning of the United States usainst destruction of American ships of lives in the haval war zone about the British isles. Generally, the tone of the German note has been fegarded as friendly.

The state department is willing to let

a prize court and thus lay the legal foundation for other proceedings of a

foundation for other proceedings of a like character.

In its note regarding placing the Wilhelmina cargo in the hands of a prize court, Great Britain points out that Germany's recent actions in regard to a naval bleckade and seizure of food supplies makes it imperative to prevent shipments of food supplies reaching Germany.

HEARING OF SEDITION CHARGES IS POSTPONED

Carpus Christi, Tex., Feb. 20.—The preliminary inquiry into the alleged conspiracy to form a republic of Mexicans and negroes in south Texas by an uprising on Washington's birthday anniversary was postponed today until mexi Saturday by United States commissioner Southgate because of the absence of wilnesses.

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It was charged that circulars printed in Spanish were distributed throughout south Texas to incite the murder of all white American males over 16 years old. The postponed hearing was on charges against Anotolio Gonzales and Manuel Flores, of seditious conspiracy. Federal and state officials in south Texas are irrepared for emergencies next Monday.

COUNSEL FOR STRIKERS SAYS KILLINGS WERE NOT MURDERS

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Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 30.—The defence
today opened its battle in the trial of
seven former strikers charged with firing upon an automobile in which the
chauffeur and three mine guards were
killing near La Vola, November 8, 1913.
Attorney Hawkins, leading the array
of counsel for the miners, made a long
statement in which he outlined the
claims, of the defence. That the killings at La Vola were not murders, but
the results of a pitched battle between
the strikers and the mine guards, and
that the former went to the Lougheed
reservoir armed because they had heard
a large party of mine guards were
coming to make a general "cleanup" of
the strikers, was alleged by attorney
Hawkins.

otherwise appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the state for-early fund.

The attorney general of the state is directed to see that all deeds to the state of land mentioned in this section are properly executed before the gift is accepted or payment of the purchase money is made.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The Carranda agency has made public a telegram from Gen. Carranna announcing that he had ordered the restoration of property worth \$25,098 alleged to have been setted from the Eagle Pass Lumber company by military authorities in Coahulla. The company had complained to the local agency.

The War At a Glance

In An attempt to force the Dar-danelles, the gateway to Con-stantinople, French and British warships began Friday a bombardment of the Turkish fortifications, which is being continued today. An allied fleet has been at the entrance of the Dardanelles for several months and reports from time to time indicated that damage was done to some of the Turkish forts. An official statement issued in London today says that aeroplanes are cooperating with the warships in the attacks, which had "considerable effect." The present movement evidently is the most formidable which has been made in the effort to force a way through the Dardanelles, beyoud which lies Constantinople

ANOTHER NEUTRAL SHIP SINKS-Another neutral vessel, the second Norwegian steamer to meet disaster in the naval war zone established by Germany, has gone to the bottom during a trip across the North sea. Her crew was rescued.

FIGHTING IN WEST INCREASES-Fighting in France and Belgium apparently is increasing in severity. Today's official reports from Paris and Berlin show that the French at-tempted to break through the Gereastern end, and that the Germans made an assault on the trenches of the allies in Belgium without effecting important results in any cases. The Germans claim the capture of two towns in the Vosges.

RUSSIANS AGAIN ATTACK-A new attack has been begun by the Russians on the fortified Galician city of Przemyal, whose resistance of the besiegers month after month has been one of the strong features of the campaign in the east The Russians are reported to have brought up heavy guns for the assault. Elsewhere in Galicia, according to unofficial advices, the Russians have gained a measure of success, especially near Dukla pass, where the Austrians are said to have suffered heavy losses in the last few

FIGHTING IN BUKOWINA-

From English sources it is reported that the Russians have formed a line along the Pruth river in Bukowina and that a new battle is devel-oping. This conflicts with recent statements that the Austrians had succeeded in clearing all of Bukowina of the Russians.

GERMAN RUSH HALTED?-In northern Poland, so far as German accounts of the fighting show, the German pursuit of the Russians continues and has resulted in the winning of several Polish cities and owns. London believes, however, that the rush of Germans, after expelling the Russians from east Prussia, has been stayed.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER HITS MINN AND SINKS; CREW SAVED Nakskov, Denmark, Feb. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Bjarko struck a mine near here this morning and sank.
Her crew was saved. This is the second disaster to Norwegian vessels since the German blockade took effect.
The Bjarko, laden with coal, was on her way from Lelip to Nakskov.

London, Eng., Feb. 20.-The steam ship Cambank of Cardiff was torpeloed today off Amlwych bay, Wales, by a German submarine, without

The third engineer and two firemen of the Cambank were killed and another member of the crew was drowned while getting into a boat. The remainder of the crew was saved. The Cambank had just taken aboard a pilot for Liverpool.

GERMANY COMPLAINS ABOUT SUBMARINES BUILT IN U. S.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Germany and Austria, through their ambassa-dors here, complained to the state de-partment today that submarings , ere being built in the United States for Great Britain and shipped in parts to annada. In a statement on the subject the

In a statement on the subject the German embassy said:

"The planta of Bethlehem and Union Iron Works at San Francisco are according to reliable information, sending the important parts of submarines, ordered by the Brillsh government, to Canada. Submarines for England also are being built at Boston and Seattle."

The attention of the United States state department, the statement continues, "has been drawn to these facts by the German and Austro-Hungarian embassies as being in contradiction with the laws of neutrality."

Some time ago the German embassy filed complaint with the state department against the transfer of submarines in the United States, which it was said, were intended for Great Britain. The matter was taken up by the state department with the company, which had had the contract and after conferences here between secretary Bryan and Charlies M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, it was announced that the American builders and withdrawn from their contracts.

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—
The day in congress:
Senate:
Work was resumed on the
legislative appropriation bill and
provision for an agricultural
census was eliminated.
The committee investigating
charges of a lobby against the
ship bill resumed taking testimony.

Debate was continued on the diplomatic appropriation bill.

The Dardanelles Is Scene of Great Bombardment for Over Two Days.

ASIATIC FORTS FALL UNDER FIRE

Forts on European Side Are Then Attacked; Turks Say Three Ships Damaged.

THENS, Greece, via London, Peb. 20.—It is reported here that the Anglo-French fleet destroyed the Turkish forts on the Azintic side of the Dardanelles during the bombardment this morning.

The forts on the European side subsequently were attacked and are still firing.

A powder magnaine on the Asiatic side of the Durdantelles exploded during the humburdment by the allied fleets. The forts replied in a lively manner to the fire of the warships but without success.

ONDON, Eng., Feb. 28 - Apparently ONDON, Rag. Feb. 28.—Apparently one of the grantest haval actions of the war has developed at the Dardanellas, where a strong British-French fleet of battlechips, battle-ruisers and auxiliary units are bom-arding the Turkian forts, both on the European and the Aciatic aide. The British fleet is under command of vice ulmiral Carden. This is the first time a this war that ships of the battleship class have been engaged. The bom-ardment began Friday, according to un admiralty announcement, continued intil nearly nightfall, and was resumed odny. Turkish forts are reported seti-

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The Dardanelles is a narrow waterway separating European and Asiatic Turkey and connecting the sea of Marmora with the Asgean sea.

British Report of Battle.
The text of the official annount 'sued this afternoon by the

the admiralty, says:

"Yesterday morning at 8 octock the
British fleet of battleships and battle
cruisers, accompanied by flotillas and
aided by a strong French squadron, the
whole under command of vice admiral
Carden, began an attack upon the
forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

"The forts at Cape Helles and Kum
Kale were bombarded with a deliberate
long range fire. Considerable effect
was produced on two of the forts. Two
others were frequently hit, but it was
difficult to estimate the damage. The
forts, being outranged, were unable to
reply to our fire.

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"At 2:45 eclose in the afternoon a portion of the battleship force was ordered to close in and engage the forts at closer range with their secondary armament.

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"The forts on both sides of the entrance then opened fire and were engaged at moderate ranges by the Veugeance. Cornwallis. Triumph, Suffren and Bouvet, supported by the Inflexible and the Agamemmon at long range. Some Ports Silenced.

"The forts on the European side were apparently silenced. One fort on the Asiatic aide was still firing when the operations were supponded owing to the failing light.

"No ships of the allied fleet were hit. Action Renewed Today.

"The action was renewed this merming after an aerial recommaissance by British aeropianes. The ship Ark Royal is in attendance with a number of sea planes and aeropianes of the naval wing."

Turkish Version of Bartie.

A dispatch from Constantinople via Amsterdam gives the following official statement issued by the Turkish war office:

"Early Saturday morning British and French warships renewed their bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardmelles, firing 40s shots without much baccess. One soldier was slightly wounded by a fragment of stone.

Three Skips Damaged.

"Eight armored Anglo-French warships bombarded the other forts of the Dardmelles for seven hours without (Continued on Page 5, Second Section).

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